

Aruba Tourism Authority

ATA Celebrates 50 years of Aruba tourism

With this exposition the ATA celebrates the history, development and achievements



ORANJESTAD - Yesterday morning Mrs. Myrna Jansen Feliciano together with her staff of the Aruba Tourism Authority officially inaugurated the exposition dedicated to Aruba's 50th anniversary in the hospitality business. This exposition is to focus on what tourism has meant and what it still means to Aruba and it's economy, we can add that the first visitors of this exposition were the students of "Duna un man" school, who were very impressed with the pictures and the explanation that they received from Mrs. Jansen Feliciano herself. Another group that also visited the exposition were Journalist from Germany and the UK who are on the Island to do a story.

As we know, September is the month dedicated to all tourism on the Island of Aruba.

The Aruba Tourism Authority wishes to invite everyone to come and see how the Island has developed in the last 50 years.

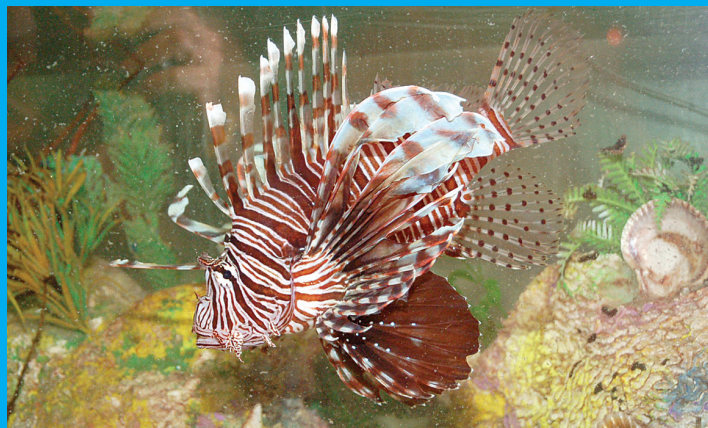
The exposition is open for the general public until October 2nd and times are 10am to



5pm from Tuesday to Friday and in the weekends from 10am to 2pm. The exposition is held at the National Archeological Museum of Aruba situated in the Schelp straat downtown Oranjestad. □




Lionfish captured off the shore of Aruba



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PALM BEACH – In the week of September 13, 2009 the Housekeeping departments of the Aruba Marriott Resort, Marriott Ocean Club and Marriott Surf Club celebrated International Housekeeping week. Therefore the entire week was dedicated to Marriott’s housekeepers. Marriott’s housekeeping team is the largest department of all 3 Aruba Marriott properties combined, totaling 282 housekeepers. The festivities started on Monday with a breakfast in the Grand Ballroom. All

housekeeping associates were invited to enjoy a sumptuous buffet. The Housekeeping teams were all thanked by senior management. These hard working ladies and gents clean 20 public areas, 1 casino, 15 restaurants & bars & 12 public restrooms on a daily basis at the 3 Aruba Marriott properties. After an inspiring prayer, houseman Jose Bitancis ended the breakfast celebration by singing two beautiful gospel songs. The rest of the week was filled with fun activities for all three Marriott properties’



housekeeping teams; Karaoke contests, a banana bus outing, bingo games in the casino, a family day, luncheons, board games, movie nights and much more. The Aruba Marriott once more says “masha danki” to all 282 housekeeping associates for the hard work they do every day!

Designated among the “World’s Best Places to Stay” by Conde Nast Traveler’s 2006 Gold List, Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino boasts 411 guestrooms – the most spacious on the island – each with large, private



balconies overlooking the sparkling waters of the Caribbean Sea. On property, seven restaurants and cafes provide fare from light to elegant, while the largest casino in Aruba, a 6,500 square-foot spa, free-form swimming pool with cascading waterfalls and high-energy health club offer

entertaining diversions. Marriott and Renaissance Caribbean & Mexico Resorts is comprised of ten resorts in seven of the top tropical destinations in the Caribbean and Mexico – Aruba, Cancun, Curaçao, Grand Cayman, Puerto Vallarta, St. Kitts and St. Thomas. □



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Predatory fish threatens Caribbean region

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PALM BEACH - On September 17, 2009 a group of divers of Unique Water Sports of Aruba were happy to have caught the first Pacific Lionfish invader in Aruba's ocean. The capturing of this fish was important to Aruba's Coastal Zone Management (CZM). They were alerted at 8 a.m. of the situation and at 12:01 the call came in that the team of Unique Sports of Aruba, Alex Dubero, Jason Jutz and Tamara Henricus captured the Lionfish. Within a half hour the personnel of Pesca of LVV, Francisco Franken and Gilbert Rasmijn, were in contact with owner Josef 'Vasty' Munzenhofer of Buccaneer Restaurant to ask for consent in using the aquarium for a temporary holding tank. Within minutes, the Lionfish arrived safely into the aquarium where it will be held for a necessary scientific investigation on the fish. This was a fantastic cooperation of the private sector and the



public, including regional and international members of REEF. The mention of the relation also stretches to thank the Hadicurari / Seccion di Pesca of LVV, Parke Arikok, Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance, VOMIL of Curacao and Parke Marino of STINAPA of Bonaire for coordinating the necessary work.

During this week samples of D.N.A will be taken for analysis. In the entire Caribbean region everyone is monitoring the "Pacific Lionfish" or "Red Lionfish"

which is spreading rapidly in the U.S.A. and threatening to reach the Caribbean rapidly. This is a species of the Pacific Ocean that was spotted in 1992 towards the Florida Coast which possibly escaped from an aquarium during hurricane Andrew or a collector set the fish into the ocean. The invasion of predatory lionfish in the Caribbean region poses yet another major threat to coral reef ecosystems -- a new study has found that within a short period after the entry of lionfish into an area, the survival of other reef fishes is slashed by about 80 percent. During the last 10 years this Lionfish has taken over the entire coast of America and reached Bermuda. In 2004 it was detected in the Bahamas. In 2007 these Lionfish reached the island of Turks & Caicos and Cuba as well as Jamaica, Cayman Islands and Dominican Republic. This past June the larva passed a natural barrier and a substantial quantity of young Lionfish were seen in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and apparently now in St. Lucia. Aruba calls for Alert

We are asking for attention to all fishermen, divers and snorkelers to be on the lookout for the "Pacific Lionfish" or

"Red Lionfish" which may be forming around our island. The Lionfish lives on the coral reef at about 10 to 175 meters in depth. Together with Curacao and Bonaire everyone is working together to form an "alarm network" to be on the lookout for this species and to report any detection of this fish which will cause danger

to the areas local ecosystem. This article is translated from Paul Hoetjes of VOMIL Curacao and Kalli of Meyer of DCNA in cooperation of Parke National Arikok, Veterinary Services, LVV, Centro di Pesca Hadicurari and CZM, which is asking all fishermen and dive operators to please contribute in this network. □



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Christopher Owens & Gerald Rose honored at the Aruba Beach Club Resort



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Aruba Beach Club Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honorings were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Aruba Beach Resort they call their home away from home. Christopher Owens & Gerald Rose were honored as a Distinguished Visitor after visiting Aruba for 10 years.

Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with Christoper & Gerald and also Izaira from the Aruba Beach Club. □

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& Merengue workshop by ArubaSalsa with the PM Band live in concert! With motto 'Everybody can dance!' Bugaloe Beach Bar and ArubaSalsa dance school are offering this workshop free of charge! Aruba visitors as well as local residents will

have the opportunity tonight to experience the true meaning of Latin dancing. Reggie and Sabine from ArubaSalsa will show you the ins and outs of Salsa and Merengue dancing. In no time you will advance yourself to the dance floor. Or if you prefer, you can watch your friends' dance moves from the bar. Fun guaranteed! "Bugaloe means fun, friend and happiness! With this workshop everybody can now experience the true joy of Latin-American dancing," Bugaloe's manager Marc Hernandez says. The free workshop will be from 7:30pm till 8:30pm. The swinging PM band will perform live from 7:00pm till 11:00pm. It promises to be another crazy 'must-go' night at Bugaloe. No entrance fee!

On top of that Bugaloe is offering special prices on Amstel Bright and Mojito during Happy Hour from 5pm till 6pm. Just another good reason to visit Bugaloe. Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is located at De Palm Pier between RIU Palace and Radisson Resort. □



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A festive milestone coming up

Eighteen years of great fun at Café the Plaza in the Marketplace



PALM BEACH - Café the Plaza has something big to celebrate. Eighteen years ago, Hans Nooter and Harry Koeman took over the restaurant at Harbourtown, as the Renaissance Marketplace was then called. Their touch proved to be gold: as soon as the place changed ownership,



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patrons appeared as if by magic. The secret of the Dutch Touch of these two: really good value, a nice menu and great meals in a relaxed and very welcoming atmosphere. After so many years, this still holds true.

But Café the Plaza is best-known for its outrageous and fun happenings. Who does not remember the weird Elfstedentocht? It was a team effort in barhopping throughout Oranjestad. Teams had to wear snorkels and flippers and Aruba has never witnessed anything like it ever again. The event was even written up in Dutch newspapers and it got television coverage as well.

The Plaza always starts off the year in a most unusual fashion: all patrons are invited for a New Year's toast on January 1st, and what a sweaty, happy affair that always is! After that there is the annual Polesitting championships among the calendar's highlights, as well as the Plaza Golf Championships and the first Herring. The European and World Cup soccer matches of the Dutch national team, shown on thirteen screens and cheered on by hundreds of Dutchies, consistently create an orange-colored, jolly chaos. Café the Plaza's staffers are sportsmen and -ladies of the highest order, joining in the Horeca Soccer Fest with a

vengeance. Owners Hans and Harry have proven themselves on the tennis and golf courts over and over again as well. What a team!

Café the Plaza's latest craze is the Quiz Night series. Every Tuesday evening, teams of intelligent and savvy gals and guys fight for glory. There are series of 8 evenings, always filled to the brim with avid players. A tearjerker evening now and then takes care of balancing the emotions.

The festivities for the 18th anniversary of Café the Plaza should not be missed. On October 3 a Kids' Afternoon of Fun will be fantastic and the incredible Tsunami band gets yet another chance to make a lasting impression. The 20th is expected to be a more sedate affair with a wine and cheese tasting. At the end of November the Plaza Golf Open is held.

Café the Plaza is ready for at least eighteen more years of fun! Cheers! ☐



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The downtown atmosphere is cool and relaxed with its in- and outside seating.

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and a salad for \$19.95.

For entertainment Casa Tua Barcelona offers a Live Flamenco Show on Friday Nights while you can dance on the rhythms of salsa & bolero performed by a live band on

Saturday Nights!

All days of the week we serve Cold and Hot tapas as appetizers or the delicious Iberian Ham Pata Negra which we import directly from Andalucía. As your main course you could choose our Paella, traditionally prepared on the spot by our chef! Combine this Spanish dish with our home-made sangria to complete your dinner.

Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their

dreamy Tiramisu. If you're into something different we suggest tasting the Espresso Martini Cocktail as dessert, you won't be disappointed.

The best part about such a good ending is that it guarantees you'll be back for more...

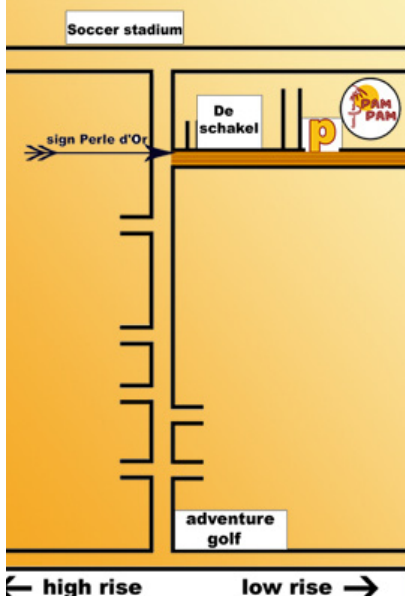
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PALMBEACH--International Friends of Aruba's Happy Hour was hosted at the newly opened Pure Beach Bar and Restaurant in the recently expanded Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort on Palm Beach. Taking the concept of beach

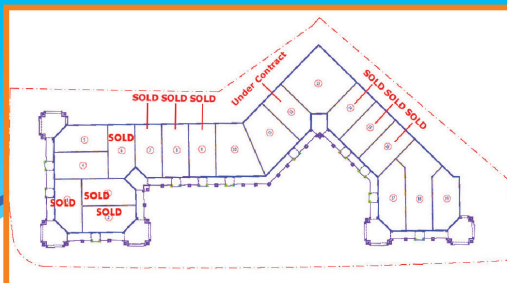
bar to new heights, Pure Beach combines the elegance of the finer Miami South Beach bars with that famous warm and casual Aruban ambience. Enticing guests with special drink prices and delectable offerings -- including lobster



bisque and tuna tataki—off the restaurant menu, were the key ingredients to a successful evening. No need for air conditioning with the Caribbean breezes cooling the group, who lounged on comfy sofas and club chairs. Pure Beach was Pure Heaven for this Happy Hour crowd! ☐

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Lodge Kura Hulanda & Beach Club in Curacao offers attractive investment opportunities



WILLEMSTAD -- Hotel Kura Hulanda Spa & Casino and Lodge Kura Hulanda & Beach Club are sister properties, on Aruba's neighboring island of Curacao. As members of Leading Small Hotels of the World, the two resorts offer two unique and distinctly different vacation experiences, complemented by high level of luxury service and a pampering environment. Aruban's are very familiar with the popular five-star Hotel Kura Hulanda Spa and Casino, a boutique village in the center of Willemstad, just 20 minutes from the airport and within walking distance to prime shopping, diverse cuisine and nightlife. Spread over an eight-block area, the resort village includes two pools, multiple restaurants and bars, shops, a world-class museum, spa, casino, courtyards and gardens radiating Old World charm; the resort offers great vacation packages and is perfectly suitable for romantic extended weekend getaways. Lodge Kura Hulanda and Beach Club may be found on the western tip of Curacao, nestled between the cliffs and the ocean, presenting a secluded, island hideaway. The lodge boasts 74 villas and rooms exuding a sophisticated simplicity. The rooms are furnished with crisp

white cushions and linens that complement dark wood and rattan furnishings, and as an extra bonus for vacationers, the property was voted number one in the Caribbean for snorkeling and diving in 2009, by Professional Travel Guide. Lodge Kura Hulanda and Beach Club lends itself to family vacations and to Dolce Far Niente periods of rest and relaxation. In recent years Hotel Kura Hulanda Spa and Casino as well as Lodge Kura Hulanda and Beach Club have been offering their visitors a chance to own a part of these unique complexes.

The first investors to show interest in owning a property in the fast-growing real estate market of Curacao were the 'Pensionados,' Dutch retirees looking to settle down in an idyllic location. Also many hard-working business people from the USA looking for a second home in the Caribbean identified Lodge Kura Hulanda and Beach Club as a not-to-be-missed opportunity. Real Estate owners at Kura Hulanda can enjoy their own

place whenever they want and use the facilities of the resorts at any time. They also have an option to enter their property in the hotel program, and have it rented when they are not on the island.

What started as a Vacation Club membership, whereby Kura Hulanda Vacation Club offered inflation-proof holidays for the next 40 years. The inventory boasted fully furnished, ocean view studio, one bedroom, or two bedroom suites, or a two or three bedroom unit in the Eco Lodge community, for a week or more, in a specified season for 40 years. That popular timeshare concept evolved into a gorgeous Master-Planned Community as Kalki Caribbean Villas were introduced for sale, at Lodge Kura Hulanda.

Construction began in November 2008, and the exclusive villas have been available for purchase since then. The first villa is scheduled for completion in December 2009.

The elegantly furnished three bedroom, three-bathroom villas mark the first of several phases in Lodge Kura Hulanda's master plan. The future Lodge Kura Hulanda community will embrace an array of low-rise, low-density homes and an impressive Kura Hulanda Village to include fine & casual dining, boutique shops, spa, pool, tennis facilities and



casino adjacent to the five-star resort and beach club.

Project Director Paul Siegel is inviting prospective buyers to visit the property, experience the superb amenities, tour the island of Curacao, and pick their own secondary or vacation-home, built atop a stone bluff, overlooking the Caribbean ocean.

Each of the 18 villas offers 2,300 square foot of opulent living space with sweeping ocean vistas. The two-story great-room will feature fine marble floors, granite kitchen countertops, top of the line appliances, and designer furnishings, while the upstairs, the master suite will enjoy a private oceanfront patio, his and hers walk-in closets and a Jacuzzi tub in the master bath. Each villa is designed with a private stone terrace showcasing a gazebo and a private plunge pool overlooking the Caribbean Sea, with prices starting at \$850,000.

In addition to the Kalki Caribbean Villas and future residences, Lodge Kura Hulanda also offers spectacular residential investment opportunities including luxuriously

appointed studios, suites and villas—available to purchase as part of a revenue-sharing program and if you are interested in building and designing a distinctive island dream home, spacious 1/2-acre or larger estate home-sites are also for sale within the Lodge Kura Hulanda Community, known as the Watamula Courtyard Homes, and the Watamula Estates.

Both Watamula Courtyard Homes and Kalki Caribbean Villas will provide homeowners the option to place their residence in the hotel rental program when not making use of it, if they so desire.

Always prepared to serve their communities in more than just one way Hotel Kura Hulanda Spa & Casino owns and operated a dialysis center adjacent to the resort affording locals and visitors with special needs the luxury of vacation combined with a state of the art medical facility. Lodge Kura Hulanda & Beach Club is presently constructing the Curacao branch of the Jelinek Institute, Netherlands, a treatment facility for affluent and celebrity clients.

Our pictures featured the construction of the Jelinek Institute and the breathtaking view of Kalki Caribbean Villas and the construction site. □



HEALTH

Aruba TODAY

After greeting our patient, the first question I ask is: "How did you sleep last night"? Sleep is a basic human need, as important for good health as diet and exercise. Only when we are sound asleep do our bodies repair. When we sleep, our bodies rest but our brains are active, laying the groundwork for healing and productivity. Most people need eight hours of sleep nightly. Unfortunately, for 10% to 25% of us, not being able to get to sleep or insomnia can be a chronic condition. Approximately 98 million dollars a year is spent in the United States alone on over-the-counter sleep aids. Not getting enough restful sleep results in daytime sleepiness, increased accidents, problems concentrating and poor performance on the job and in school, and increased sickness and weight gain.

Lack of sleep seems to be a major stress factor. Regularly catching only a few hours of sleep can hinder metabolism and hormone production in a way that is similar to the effects of aging and the early stages of diabetes. Chronic sleep loss may speed the onset or increase the severity of conditions such as type II diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, and memory loss. Research has shown that in developed countries, the average night's sleep has grown shorter since

Health and Beauty Sleep

the beginning of the century, from 9 hours to 7.5 hours. People who give up sleep to make more time for work and leisure are aging much faster than they should be.

During sleep-deprivation, researchers found, blood sugar levels took 40% longer to drop, compared with the natural sleep-recovery period. This effects insulin resistance or "pre-diabetes" risk rates. In addition, the sleep-deprived men had higher concentrations of the hormone cortisol, which also helps regulate blood sugar, and lower levels of thyroid-stimulating hormone. These raised cortisol levels are often seen in older people, and may be involved in age-related memory loss.

Many childhood sleep problems are related to irregular sleep habits or to anxiety. Persistent sleep problems may also be symptoms of emotional difficulties. "Separation anxiety" is a developmental landmark for young children. Bedtime is a time of separation. Some children will do all they can to prevent separation at bedtime.

The average woman aged 30-60 sleeps only six hours and forty-one minutes during the workweek. Conditions unique to women, like the menstrual cycle, pregnancy and menopause, can affect how

well a woman sleeps. This is because the changing levels of hormones that a woman experiences throughout the month, like estrogen and progesterone, have an impact on sleep. Understanding these hormones, environmental factors and lifestyle habits can help women enjoy a good night's sleep.

Having trouble getting to sleep? The following ten suggestions might help. 1) Maintain a regular bed and wake time schedule including weekends. 2) Establish a regular, relaxing bedtime routine such as soaking in a hot bath and then reading a book or listening to soothing music. 3) Create a sleep-conducive environment that is dark, quiet, comfortable and cool. 4) Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillows. 5) Use your bedroom only for sleep and sex. It is best to take work materials, computers and televisions out of the sleeping environment. 6) Eat a healthy diet and finish eating at least 2-3 hours before your regular bedtime. 7) Exercise regularly. It is best to complete your workout at least a few hours before bedtime. 8) Avoid caffeine (e.g. coffee, tea, and soft drinks, or chocolate) close to bedtime. It can keep you awake. 9) Avoid nicotine (e.g. cigarettes, tobacco products). Used close to bedtime, it can lead to poor sleep. 10) Avoid

alcohol close to bedtime. It can lead to disrupted sleep later in the night.

Pharmaceutical drugs to get to sleep are not the best solution. These drugs do not produce the deep curative sleep needed to regain our health and are habit forming. There are natural, non addictive food supplements like 5-HTP and SAME that can help considerably if taken with a little natural fruit juice thirty minutes or more before you eat. If your sleep cycle has changed because of travel or work shift change the natural supplement melatonin will help reset your sleep cycle. Acupuncture helps balance your body and encourages restful sleep. A visit to a natural physician could help you determine the cause of your sleep problem and how to best help it. Remember, you cannot restore your health without sound sleep.

Get the Point! Getting the right amount of sleep is vital, but just as important is the quality of your sleep. An adequate amount of sleep is as important as an adequate amount of exercise. Most of us do not fully appreciate the value of a full night's sleep. I believe that seven hours is an absolute minimum for most all of us, and most of us would benefit from closer to 9 hours. Ask any woman how much better she feels and looks when getting her full allotment of beauty sleep.



By: Dr. Carlos Viana

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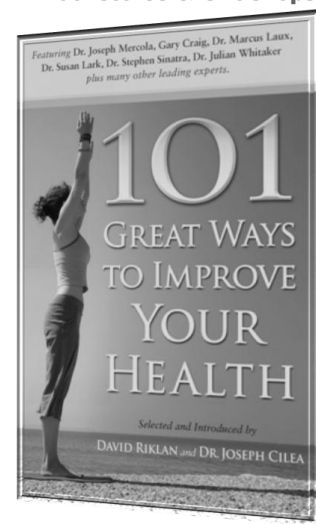
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Duncan seeking funding for Foreign Affairs Dept

PHILIPSBURG -- St. Maarteners with an interest in foreign affairs will soon get an opportunity to be trained in protocol and operations in this field. Constitutional Affairs Minister Roland Duncan is busy seeking funds for a training course.

Duncan told this newspaper it's a common misconception that the Netherlands Antilles and new Countries St. Maarten and Curaçao will not have any control in foreign affairs.

The Antilles under the Kingdom Charter can make decisions in foreign affairs and international contracts "quite independently."

Also the Antilles, and in the future the new countries, will be able to tag along with the Netherlands on issues that affect their populations.

The minister pointed out that the Antilles had the possibility of stationing chargés d'affaires or consul

officers in the embassies of the Netherlands. There are Antillean representatives in Trinidad, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Washington, D.C. Similarly, the new countries will have this possibility, once established next year.

Unlike Curaçao, St. Maarten has to build its foreign affairs framework from scratch. This is where the training comes in, because the people taking care of foreign affairs for the Antilles are from Curaçao,

Duncan said.

The minister is working with the Department of Foreign Affairs in Curaçao to set up the training course for St. Maarten and to find funding. One possible source for funding is the Netherlands Antilles Development Foundation USONA.

The training would not be for civil servants but for other citizens who have the drive and interest to serve St. Maarten as overseas representative. This training

should be conducted before the end of the year.

Speaking about foreign affairs in general, Duncan said over the years there had been a lack of political understanding about the area and a lack of political interest. This, he added, had created the impression that the Antilles had had nothing to do with area and it had been completely the responsibility of the Kingdom government.

St. Maarten has to grab the opportunity, as it moves

to country status, to get its people trained to take up posts especially in the region, so the island can tap into the Caribbean organisations and serve its people as best possible, he said. The island has to look seriously at having representation in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and at stationing a representative in Trinidad – the centre for the English-speaking Caribbean in international and regional affairs. □

US Airways, Insel Air Agreement Offers Daily Flights to Curacao

Seamless Connection offers more options for travelers

WILLEMSTAD -- The recent signing of an interline agreement with US Airways and Curacao-based Insel Air has given travelers even more flexibility in planning their vacation to the island of Curacao.

All US airways routes will be connecting seamlessly -- within 1 1/2 hours -- of Insel Air departures to Curacao from Miami International. The agreement also allows for passengers to book via Insel Air on www.usairways.com beginning Oct. 1, 2009. Passengers can also book on www.fly-inselair.com or through a travel agent.

"We are thrilled that US Airways now has the possibility to add Curacao to its list of Caribbean destinations. This agreement helps US travelers to become more familiar with Curacao, often referred to as the Caribbean's hidden treasure because of our exquisite beaches, remarkable history and our capital Willemstad's distinction as a UNESCO World Heritage site," Evita Nita, Executive Director, Curacao

Tourist Board said.

The interline agreement is also accompanied by the insertion of new aircraft -- the MD-82, which arrived in Curacao last week -- into Insel Air's ever-growing fleet.

Prior to the signed agreement, Insel Air complied with all standards of IATA Clearing House, the international institute where transactions between airlines are cleared. The agreement has since been filed by IATA and published in the current IATA Multilateral Interline Traffic Agreement (MITA) Concurrences.

In addition to the daily service to Curacao on Insel Air via US Airways, starting November 19th American Airlines will offer twice daily service from Miami International (MIA); Continental offers weekly service from Newark (EWR); Delta Air Lines offers weekly service from Atlanta (ATL); and Air Jamaica offers connections twice weekly via Montego Bay from Baltimore/Washington (BWI) Philadelphia International (PHL), and

Chicago O'Hare (ORD).

No matter what carrier travelers choose, the island's popular Curacao Now promotion offers a \$200-per-person airfare rebate, \$200 food and beverage credit, a free night at participating hotels and more. Curacao Now is available for those traveling through Dec. 15, 2009. For a list of participating hotels and to learn more about Curacao Now, visit www.curacao.com/now.

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Rebound in commodities carries stocks higher

By SARA LEPRO,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — A rebound in commodities is drawing investors back into the stock market.

Major stock indicators rose about 0.5 percent in afternoon trading Tuesday, including the Dow Jones industrials, which gained 48 points, recovering all of the prior day's losses.

In a reversal of Monday's pattern, the dollar weakened against other major currencies and commodities like oil and gold bounded higher, lifting energy and material stocks. Financial stocks also rose sharply.

The gains in stocks and commodities came as the Federal Reserve began a two-day meeting on interest rates. Investors are hoping the Fed will provide a clearer indication of when it may raise interest rates when it issues a statement at the conclusion of a two-day meeting on Wednesday.

The Fed is widely expected to keep rates at their record low of near zero for the time being. Rock-bottom interest rates have helped fuel the market's nearly seven-month old rally, making cash plentiful and cheap and encouraging investors to buy up riskier assets.

The market appears to be following a well-established pattern where brief selloffs are met with more buying as investors fear missing out on a continued rally.

"Reluctantly, investors are continually being dragged into a market that is finding a path of least resistance to the upside," said Art Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

The consensus on Wall Street is that the economy is healing despite ongoing challenges like unemployment. But investors still have doubts over how strong the recovery will be, and whether the stock

market's more than 50 percent move off of 12-year lows in March accurately reflects the still fragile state of the economy. "Right now, it's a more orderly market," said Greg Reynolds, senior vice president of asset management at Lenox Advisors. "People are digesting the data, trying to figure out exactly where we're headed."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 48.22, or 0.5 percent, to 9,827.08. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 7.26, or 0.7 percent, to 1,071.92, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 8.61, or 0.4 percent, to 2,146.65.

About three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 684.7 million shares, compared with 647.7 million shares traded at the same time the day before.

In other trading, the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 5.10, or 0.8 percent, to 621.07.

Gold and silver prices rose after three days of declines, while oil prices gained \$1.69 to \$71.40 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Commodities rose as the U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of foreign currencies, fell 0.8 percent, after earlier hitting a fresh low for the year. The dollar has fallen sharply since early March, making commodities cheaper for foreign investors, as its appeal wanes amid low interest rates and unprecedented government spending designed to stimulate the economy.

Demand for energy and material stocks increased as commodities rose. U.S. Steel Corp. added \$2.12, or 4.4 percent, to \$50.14, while Chesapeake Energy Corp. jumped \$1.06, or 3.8 percent, to \$29.17.

Financial stocks were mostly higher after Rochdale Securities analyst Richard

Bove raised his target price on Bank of America Corp. to \$25 a share. Shares of the Charlotte, N.C.-based bank rose 39 cents, or 2.3 percent, to \$17.64.

Citigroup Inc. shares added 23 cents, or 5.1 percent, to \$4.66 after a Singapore sovereign wealth fund cut its stake in the New York bank to below 5 percent from 9 percent following a recent exchange of preferred stock.

Among technology stocks, Google Inc. shares hit a 13-month high after a Canaccord Adams analyst raised the target price on the stock to \$560. Shares rose as high as \$501.19 in early trading, and recently added \$2.14 to \$499.14.

In economic news Tuesday, a government index showed U.S. home prices rose 0.3 percent in July from the previous month. The index is still 4.2 percent below last year's levels.



A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, in New York.

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams) since October of last year.

Stocks sold off on Monday as the dollar rose ahead of the Fed meeting, sending shares of commodity companies lower. The Dow Jones industrials lost a modest 41 points after being down as much as 94 points earlier in the day.

After soaring 49 percent since hitting a 12-year low in early March, the Dow stands less than 200 points away from the 10,000 mark — a level the average first crossed in March 1999 and hasn't been above

Bond prices rose slightly. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.45 percent from 3.49 percent late Monday.

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.2 percent, Germany's DAX index jumped 0.7 percent, and France's CAC-40 rose 0.3 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index added 1.1 percent. Japan's markets were closed for a public holiday. □

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Decisions are a big part of every day life. Throughout the course of a day, we make hundreds of decisions. Most are small, and have little direct effect on our lives, while others are huge, and might change our lives in ways we cannot possibly imagine in the moment.

Big decisions are challenging because we must decide our future based on information we have in this moment. Information is based on the past and present, and cannot tell us about the future. It is impossible to see the future details that a certain decision will bring, and details make all the difference in life.

This can seem like an

inescapable paradox, but when we get to the heart of the matter, the entire situation becomes clear.

First, you must be clear about what you want from your life, because your desires and goals will direct your decisions and actions. When faced with a big decision, keep your goals clear in your mind. Think about which choice will bring you closer to your goal.

When you're focused on a goal, you define the direction of your life, so any decision you make will bring you closer to your goal. The difference then becomes, which path will bring you to your goals more directly and gracefully? Which path will be more fun, challenging and rewarding for

you to travel?

When we consider the future, we tend to think in general feelings about the big picture of what we think our life will be like. An idea about the future can be very attractive when considered from our present moment, but the tiny details of every day life affect us in the present, so more precise consideration of the future is necessary.

Imagine your life three months, then one year after making each choice. Focus on the details of your daily routine. What are your daily challenges? Do you thrive on overcoming them? Do you lose yourself in what you're doing? Do you connect with

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others?
 Are you contributing to your cause? Does each day bring you closer to reaching your goals? What are the possible final outcomes of each choice? What are some possible obstacles that you didn't expect, that might be a huge hindrance to you on a daily basis? Our attitude toward the daily details can make all the difference in our lives.

Take some time to sit down and think about these things. On a clean, fresh sheet of paper, write down the questions and the answers. For each question above, write a few sentences answering the question, then write down a number from one to ten, describing the extent to which the questions are answered.

Then for each possible path, add the numbers and see how they rank. This will help you form a rough idea of your attitudes toward the details you might encounter in daily life, and will give the potential future more clarity. This is a method of roughly quantifying the possible path you might put yourself on, with any given choice.

Although your answers only represent your best guess about your future, they are important and valuable in that they represent your thoughts and feelings about yourself. In this

sense, your best guess might be quite accurate, because the world only reflects what we think about ourselves.

Tomorrow we will discover that, when you stay focused on a goal, every decision you make, no matter how important or meaningless, will bring you closer to your desires.

Until Tomorrow...

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'Family Guy' sidekick debuts his own cartoon show



In this publicity image released by FOX, from left, Cleveland Jr., Kevin Michael Richardson, Cleveland and Rallo, both voiced by Mike Henry, Donna, voiced by Sanaa Lathan and Roberta, voiced by Reagan Gomez-Preston, are shown in a scene from the animated series, 'The Cleveland Show,' premiering Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. EDT on FOX.

(AP Photo/FOX)

By FRAZIER MOORE,

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — On the premiere of his new Fox show, Cleveland Brown gets a fitting

send-off from the world he inhabited on "Family Guy."

Forces unleashed by "Family Guy" lunkhead Peter Griffin cause the front of Cleveland's

home to be destroyed, exposing him naked in his second-floor bathtub, whereupon he slides — yelping "no, no, no, no, no, NO!" — to a crash-landing out on his front lawn. It isn't the first time.

But if the terminally affable Cleveland has spent six seasons as a "Family Guy" sidekick and fall guy, that's about to change.

"I'm tired of being kicked around by this world!" he erupts, as best he can in his gently modulated voice.

Divorced by his wife and evicted from his home, he knows it's time to set off from Quahog, R.I., with his portly teenage son, Cleveland Jr., for a new life on "The Cleveland Show," which premieres Sunday at 8:30 p.m. EDT.

He heads back to his hometown in Virginia, where he weds his high school sweetheart, Donna, and becomes stepfather to her children: hotsy high-schooler Roberta and mouthy 5-year-old Rollo.

Befitting a spin-off of "Family Guy" (where despotic baby

Stewie converses with Brian, the dog), Cleveland meets a clutch of nutty neighbors, including husband-and-wife bears.

"It's a whole new world and set of characters," says Mike Henry, a co-creator of the show and the man who voices Cleveland. "There's a new tone. Sweet and family-ish." Say what?!

"There's still plenty of filthy jokes," Henry laughs, careful not to distance his new venture too far from his old one. "But there's a whole, nice message in each 'Cleveland Show' episode. 'Family Guy' paved the way for a lot of coarseness and shock humor, but we're not trying to push that any farther." Yes, there will be comic cutaways and flashbacks — but fewer than on "Family Guy."

And yes, there will be the rare appearance by Peter and other "Family Guy" regulars.

But overall, says Henry, "We really wanted to get out on our own legs."

The series' gestation began

a couple of years ago when "Family Guy" maestro Seth MacFarlane pitched the idea to Fox brass.

"We didn't have to sell an elaborate premise," recalls MacFarlane, who's teamed with Rich Appel and Henry on the spin-off. "It doesn't matter what the premise of a comedy is, it's about the characters. We said, 'Here are our characters.'"

Long before then, Cleveland had struck the threesome as a character with more to say than "Family Guy" permitted. However much he resisted stereotyping, he mostly served as the show's token black guy. But they thought he had more to offer.

"All we'd seen of him is the tip of the iceberg," says Henry. "And, as opposed to Peter Griffin or Homer Simpson or a lot of other protagonist dads, he doesn't get himself into trouble just by being an idiot. He gets himself into trouble by trying to do the right thing but constantly making mistakes." □



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9 Southeast storm deaths as floodwaters linger

By KATE BRUMBACK

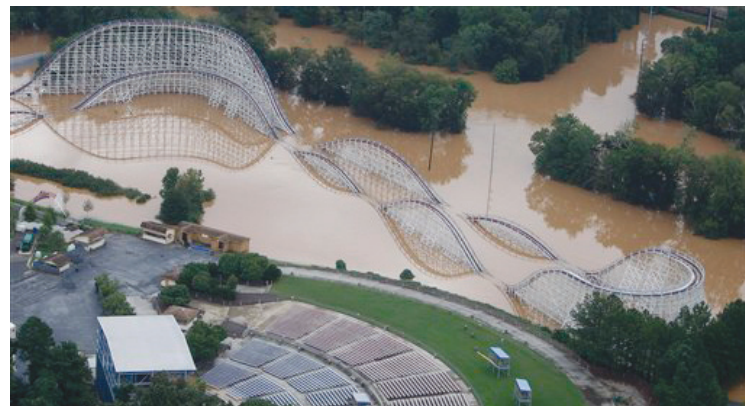
Associated Press Writer

AUSTELL, Ga. — Neighborhoods, schools and even roller coasters at Six Flags over Georgia were awash in several feet of murky, brown water Tuesday, and officials found a ninth storm victim who had been swept away from her car a day earlier.

Georgia officials warned worried residents

to wait for the floodwaters to recede before checking out their damaged homes, and in Tennessee, a retirement center was evacuated. Torrential Southeast rains soaked the region for days, knocking motorists from cars and splitting at least one mobile home. A Tennessee man who jumped in the floodwaters was still missing.

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A roller coaster at Six Flags of Georgia Amusement Park is flooded on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 in Austell, Ga. Several days of heavy rain has flooded parts of the Atlanta area.

Associated Press



President Barack Obama makes a statement before the start of his trilateral meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009.

Associated Press

Stern Obama confronts Israeli, Palestinian leaders

JENNIFER LOVEN

AP White House Correspondent

NEW YORK (AP) — Bristling with impatience, President Barack Obama sternly prodded Israeli and Palestinian leaders to relaunch Mideast peace negotiations Tuesday, grasping a newly personal role in their historic standoff. He won an awkward, stone-faced handshake but no other apparent progress beyond a promise to talk about more talks.

There had been hopes for weeks that there might be more to show from the first meeting of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas since Netanyahu took office in March — perhaps even a dramatic announcement by Obama of the resumption of the Mideast peace negotiations that broke off over a year ago.

That wasn't to be. Despite months of effort, the sides remain far apart on a staunch Palestinian precondition for talks: that Israel halt all construction of Jewish settlements in Palestinian territory. Obama has publicly echoed that demand to Israeli leaders — though the Palestinians noted with displeasure that he used the word “restrain” on Tuesday rather than “halt” or “freeze.” The president hosted the two foes at his New York hotel during a marathon day of diplomacy on the sidelines of this week's United Nations General Assembly gathering. It was a high-stakes gambit that could prove to be a timely personal intervention into a decades-old dispute that Obama has made a presidential priority or a flop that damages Obama's global credibility on a broader scale.

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Stadiums, hotels on alert amid terror probe

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Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — The government expanded a terrorism warning from transit systems to U.S. stadiums, hotels and entertainment complexes as investigators searched for more suspects Tuesday in a possible al-Qaida plot to set off hydrogen-peroxide bombs hidden in backpacks.

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Heavy equipment is used to clear the makeshift camp known as the “Jungle” after migrants were evacuated from the camp in Calais, northern France, Tuesday Sept. 22, 2009. French police are clearing out the “jungle” which held an unknown number of migrants.

Associated Press

French police bulldoze immigrant camp near Calais

NICOLAS GARRIGA

Associated Press Writer

CALAIS, France (AP) — French police razed a squalid camp used by illegal immigrants in scrubland near the English Channel port of Calais on Tuesday, using backhoes and buzz saws to clear away the precarious dwellings of a fragile population, mostly Afghan minors, who were led away stunned and sometimes sobbing.

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OBAMA CONFRONTS

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Obama's Mideast envoy, former Sen. George Mitchell, said the president took the risk because he believes the moment is uniquely ripe for progress — and because he felt an in-person display of his rising impatience could help.

So, instead of announcing a new round of peace talks, Obama announced a newly intensified effort to bring them about.

He tasked Mitchell with continuing to meet with Israeli and Palestinian officials while in New York this week, invited negotiators from both sides to come to Washington next week and asked Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to report to him in mid-October on the status. This tightly compressed time frame, even if not a real deadline, was designed to inject urgency into the process and “concentrate the mind,” said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to more freely describe the private meetings.

“Simply put, it is past time to talk about starting negotiations — it is time to move forward,” Obama declared, displaying an unusual level of public frustration as he prepared to sit down with Netanyahu and Abbas for joint talks after meeting with each separately. “We cannot continue the same pattern of taking tentative steps forward and then stepping back.”

Spanning over two hours all together, the talks found all leaders promising to work to resume peace negotiations but also often using language described as “blunt” and “direct.” Both leaders kept stressing with Obama their own priorities and fears. Obama in return emphasized a need to take risks and give up some things for a bigger goal,

said a senior administration official.

According to Mitchell, Obama told the leaders at one point: “The only reason to hold public office is to get things done.”

Neither Netanyahu nor Abbas spoke publicly at the meeting site. In a moment deep in symbolism, however, they engaged in an unsmiling and seemingly reluctant handshake at the start of the sitdown, with dozens of cameras clicking to record the moment.

“We can do a lot more if we talk to each other,” Netanyahu said later on CNN. “The possibilities are there. Let’s get on with it.” Obama praised both Israelis and Palestinians for positive steps. But he made clear they haven’t done nearly enough.

Palestinians, Obama said, must build on recent security improvements and “do more to stop incitement” — meaning that they must stop those who encourage or carry out attacks on Israel. But Abbas’ Fatah government is severely hampered in doing so, as Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are led by the government’s Islamic militant Hamas rivals.

As for the Israelis, Obama praised their moves to increase Palestinians’ freedom of movement and to discuss “important steps to restrain settlement activity.”

But Israeli officials “need to translate these discussions into real action on this and other issues,” he said sharply. In the private talks, he also chided the Israelis for suggesting that new peace talks would not resume on the same terms as last year’s round, in which the fate of Jerusalem was expected to be on the table. Netanyahu now says Jerusalem is off limits for discussion.

Israeli’s intense concern about Iran’s suspected nuclear weapons program



President Barack Obama watches as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas shake hands, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, in New York.

Associated Press

came up briefly, but was not a focus, the official said.

An Abbas aide, Yasser Abed Raddo, said that in the trilateral meeting Abbas restated his demand for a complete Israeli settlement freeze. Netanyahu, in turn, demanded that the Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state. The Palestinians argue that under previous understandings they are not required to do that. Netanyahu also told ABC News that he would not accept the settlement issue as a precondition to talks.

Mitchell seemed to give the Israeli side a bit of boost by saying that despite the recent months’ focus on the settlement showdown, the Obama administration does not see resolving it as necessary to move to “final status” negotiations. “We do not believe in preconditions, we do not impose them and we urge others not to impose them,” he said.

That message was delivered more directly in private, the official said, with Obama warning Palestinians against making “the perfect the enemy of the good” on settlements.

But even the fact that Obama’s “restrain” word choice rankled Palestinians

showed just how difficult the terrain is for Mideast peace.

“I think it will be a problem, not only from the point of view of the Palestinians, but I believe it should be from the international community” because it deviates from previous frameworks, “including the need for settlement activity to stop, and stop completely,” said Abbas’ prime minister, Salaam Fayyad.

Still, Obama said: “Despite all the obstacles, despite all the history, despite all the mistrust, we have to find a way forward. ... It is absolutely critical that we get this issue resolved.”

Obama’s 12-hour day of international intervention began with an address to a climate change summit, convened by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to create momentum for crucial international climate talks in Copenhagen in December.

With over 100 world leaders in attendance, Obama urged all to step up their efforts to combat global warming by curbing heat-trapping emissions.

He held out the United States as a serious partner, even though he has made

little progress in getting a bill through Congress to set mandatory limits on greenhouse gases.

“The journey is hard. And we don’t have much time left to make it,” the president said.

Obama also met with Chinese President Hu Jintao at a fraught time in the Washington-Beijing relationship, saying he wants more cooperative ties with the Asian economic and political powerhouse. Despite a dispute over new tariffs Obama has imposed on Chinese tire imports, Hu agreed that the relationship must stay on “the right course.”

Over lunch, America’s first black president hosted two dozen sub-Saharan African leaders for discussions about boosting opportunities for young people in their poverty-stricken nations. In the evening, he delivered a keynote speech to former President Bill Clinton’s Global Initiative and was attending U.N. leaders dinner.

Obama’s New York meetings were a precursor to another turn on center stage later this week, when he hosts the G-20 summit of leading industrial and developing nations in Pittsburgh. □

TERROR PROBE

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Police bolstered their presence at high-profile locations. Extra officers with bulletproof vests, rifles and dogs were assigned to spots such as Grand Central Terminal in New York. Plainclothes officers handed out fliers at a nearby hotel with a warning in large block letters: "If you suspect terrorism, call the NYPD."

The warnings come amid an investigation centering on Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old Denver airport shuttle driver who authorities say received al-Qaida explosives training in Pakistan and was found entering New York City two weeks ago with bomb-making instructions on his computer. Zazi's arrest in Colorado last week touched off the most intense flurry of government terror warnings and advisories to come to light since President Barack Obama took office.

Though Zazi is charged only with lying to the government, law enforcement officials said he may have been plotting with others to detonate backpack bombs on New York trains in a scheme similar to the attacks on the London subway and Madrid's rail system. Backpacks and cell phones were seized in raids on apartments Zazi visited in New York.

"It's not totally clear to us at this point what it is they had in mind, though I think it is clear that something very serious and something very organized was under way," Attorney General Eric Holder

told CBS.

Two law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of the investigation told The Associated Press that more than a half-dozen people were being scrutinized in the alleged plot. The FBI said "several individuals in the United States, Pakistan and elsewhere" are being investigated.

"There's a lot more work to be done," said Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, cautioning that the probe was still in its early stages.

In two bulletins sent to police departments Monday and obtained by the AP, federal counterterrorism officials urged law enforcement and private companies to be vigilant at stadiums, entertainment complexes and hotels.

The bulletin on stadiums noted that an al-Qaida training manual specifically lists "blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immorality and sin ... and attacking vital economic centers." Counterterrorism officials are also advising police officers to be on the lookout for any possible bomb-making at self-storage facilities, noting that terrorists have used such places to build bombs.

The bulletins came just days after similar warnings about the vulnerability of the nation's mass transit systems and the danger of hydrogen

peroxide-based explosives.

In a statement, the FBI and Homeland Security said that while the agencies "have no information regarding the timing, location or target of any planned attack, we believe it is prudent to raise the security awareness of our local law enforcement partners regarding the targets and tactics of previous terrorist activity."

A half-dozen terrorism warnings and alerts have been issued in the past week amid the investigations in New York and Denver. Bulletins — particularly about hotels as possible terrorist targets — are common, and often don't make news. In fact, they are so common that many Americans in the past few years have accused Washington of fearmongering.

Some Americans were blasé about the latest warnings.



Army National Guard soldiers patrol inside Grand Central Station Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 in New York.

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"If it happens, it happens," said Lynn Calhoun, an Indianapolis computer programmer who visited Conseco Fieldhouse, the home of the NBA's Indiana Pacers, to buy a ticket for a Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert there in December. "Where are you going to go? What are you going to do?"

You can't just go and hide out in Canada for a month."

At Citi Field in New York, where the Mets were playing the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday, Dana Brand said he once canceled a trip because of a security warning, but "I found out later that it was all bogus." □

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Tough political realities quiet youth 'Obamamania'



In this May 12, 2008 file photo, young supporters cheering for Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., at a rally in Louisville, Ky. Political experts and youth themselves now say they've seen a marked drop in "Obamamania" on college campuses and elsewhere since the election, as the realities of political drudgery have set in, leaving some to wonder whether the president can count on his loyal supporters to help him on tough issues like health care reform

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Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Young Americans showed their collective power when they helped vote President Barack Obama into office. Inspired by his message of "change," they knocked on doors, spread flyers, voted for him by a 2-1 margin, and partied like rock-the-vote stars when he won. Since the election, though,

that fervor has died down — noticeably. And while young people remain the president's most loyal supporters in opinion polls, a lot of people are wondering why that age group isn't doing more to build upon their newfound reputation as political influencers. "It's one thing to get excited about a presidential candidate. It's another thing to become a responsible citizen," says

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Jennifer Donahue, political director for the New Hampshire Institute Of Politics. She and other political analysts think they have yet to prove themselves.

Professors and students themselves also are noticing the quiet on college campuses, which were hotbeds for "Obamamania" during the campaign.

"They're supportive, but in a bystander kind of way," says Laura Katz Olson, a political science professor at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

Erin Carroll, a 19-year-old sophomore at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, blames the lack of engagement on her generation's short attention span. They want change — right now, she says — and haven't gotten it.

"I feel like everybody walks around with their cell phone and their laptops. We feel like we need everything immediately. So that's what we've become accustomed to," Carroll says. "We're the 'me-me-me' generation."

It's not just on college campuses.

Russ Marshalek, a 27-year-

old professional in Astoria, New York City, observes his 20-something peers sitting back and letting the president do the work for them. "Rather than allow him to speak FOR us, we need to be inspired BY him, and volunteer in our communities, speak our minds, write, read, think, act," says Marshalek, a social media director who works with small businesses.

Such is the fate of Generation Y, as they're known, both praised for their willingness to volunteer but also maligned as the "entitlement generation" — eager to help but unsure how to deal with tumultuous times that are a first for many of them.

On top of that, many of their parents are baby boomers who witnessed, and participated in, the civil rights movement and Vietnam War protests that followed John F. Kennedy's death. That's a lot to live up to.

But to be fair, says political scientist Mike Wagner says, it's tough for young people — or any American, for that matter — to know how to get involved in issues with

solutions that aren't always so clear-cut.

Volunteering for a candidate? Fairly easy to do. Helping solve some of the toughest issues to face our nation, from health care reform to a deep-seated financial crisis? Not so much. "These aren't easy issues for young people. It's not 'Should we go to war in Iraq?' or 'Should gay marriage be legalized?'" says Wagner, an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska.

He sees a lot of young people getting lost in the details, or bored by them. Or like a lot of us, they're more focused on their own worries, such as getting a job or paying off mountains of student loans.

Some say the president also could be doing more to engage this demographic that was so key to his early success.

"I think young people do have clout, and I think it's a mistake if he doesn't use them," says Mary Ellen Balchunis, a political science professor at LaSalle University, who counts Carroll among her students. Balchunis witnessed the fervor on campus during the campaign — the "dorm storming," when students persuaded their peers to go to rallies and eventually to the polls. She also recalls how students danced in the streets with nearby neighborhood residents after Obama won.

Certainly, health care was on their priority list then, and remains so. An AP-GfK poll conducted earlier this month found that two-thirds of 18- to 29-year-olds rated such reform as "very" or "extremely" important. So far, though, the proposed health care overhauls have failed win the support of a good number of them. Only about half of them said they approved of the way the president was handling health care and only 38 percent said they supported health care plans being discussed in Congress. Balchunis thinks the president could boost youth support on these and other issues — and get them influencing their parents, as they did in the election — if he mobilized and spoke directly to them, the way he did during the campaign. □

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FLOODWATERS LINGER
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Washed-out roads and flooded freeways around metro Atlanta caused commuters headaches and hundreds of residents sought refuge in shelters. About 120 residents of a Tennessee retirement center were evacuated by boats and trucks and others were ferried from low-lying neighborhoods and motels in a Chattanooga suburb as two nearby creeks continued to rise.

Georgia emergency officials said they were confident those in immediate danger had been evacuated, but were concerned about residents attempting to return to their homes too soon.

"We had people who were out safely but decided they wanted to get back in danger," said Charley English, head of Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Gov. Sonny Perdue asked President Barack Obama to declare a state of emergency in Georgia and urged residents to stay away from flooded areas. Officials were beginning to assess the damage and did not provide a financial estimate.



Logan County Sheriff Steve Nichols speak to reporters during a news conference concerning the scene where five members of a family were found slain in their home and a search is under way for a suspect, in Lincoln, Ill., Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009.

Associated Press

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Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Illinois (AP) — A couple and three children were found slain in their central Illinois home in what a sheriff described Tuesday as a "brutal homicide," and detectives were trying to identify possible suspects.

Authorities discovered the bodies late Monday afternoon after responding

"I want to plead with you to give these waters time to recede," Perdue said. "Rescuers are putting their lives at risk to try to get someone out who foolishly drove through rushing waters."

The skies were clear and even sunny in parts of Georgia on Tuesday. Most of the rain eased overnight, but some residents in some areas woke up to new flooding.

In west Atlanta, resident Garrett Nail and several neighbors worked several hours to clear a tree that had blocked a road to their community.

"It was troubling at first. There was no power. We knew people had to get to work, school, doctor's appointments," said Nail.

"We were left with two options. Help ourselves or wait on the government. We obviously decided to help ourselves." State climatologist David Stooksbury said the ground was saturated and unable to absorb the large amounts of water.

"It just takes time for that water to work through the system," he said.

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customers were without power. Scattered outages were also reported in North Carolina. Over 300 people were being helped at shelters across the Atlanta and north Georgia region, according to Red Cross officials.

One of the largest shelters was at the Cobb County Civic Center, where Shirley Jones joined others sitting on green cots, chatting about the fate of their homes. Around them, children played games, oblivious to the destruction.

"When I saw the water rising, it brought back bad memories," said Jones, who lived in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. The 72-year-old had moved to the area two months ago.

Jones said rescue efforts this time went much more smoothly. A boat retrieved her from a family member's house.

Before being evacuated, Cordell Albert and her husband Christopher moved their valuables to the second floor of their Powder Springs home. The couple waded through knee-deep water before a raft picked them up.

5 family members found slain in small Ill. town

to an emergency call about possible shots fired at the address, Logan County Sheriff Steven Nichols said at a news conference. A 3-year-old girl survived the attack and was taken to a hospital in Peoria, he said. Nichols declined to say why his office didn't release information about the slayings until Tuesday morning. He said detectives were following leads to try to identify possible suspects, but that authorities could only say that the suspect was considered "armed and dangerous."

The slayings, which Nichols described as a "brutal homicide against an entire family," occurred at the family's one-

story home in Beason, a farming community about 140 miles (225 kilometers) southwest of Chicago.

Nichols would not provide details about the crime scene or the suspected cause of death, but said an autopsy was scheduled for later Tuesday.

Nichols identified the victims and gave approximate ages: Raymond "Rick" Gee, 46; Ruth Gee, 39; Justina Constant, 16; Dillen Constant, 14; and Austin Gee, 11.

He did not immediately provide details about the girl who survived. People in the tiny community described the family as quiet and well-liked.



The roof of an auto shop is barely visible above swollen Sweetwater Creek after heavy rains of recent days caused the creek to flood, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, in Austell, Ga.

Associated Press

"I feel lost," she said. "I feel homeless."

Seven people have died in Georgia since Sunday night, including a toddler swept away from his father's arms after a swollen creek ripped apart their trailer home.

The eighth victim, a 22-year-old Alabama man, drowned when a pond's rain-soaked bank collapsed beneath him.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., Sylvester Kitchens, 46, was still missing two days after betting onlookers he could swim across a flooded ditch next to his house.

Several others who died were motorists whose cars were overtaken or trapped by fast-rising floodwaters.

After several days of steady rain that dropped up to 20 inches in one place, forecasters said there was a chance of

more light showers.

Days of downpours and thunderstorms saturated the ground from Alabama through Georgia into eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina, just months after an epic two-year drought in the region ended following winter rains.

As Tuesday rush-hour began in Atlanta, Interstate 20 west of the city was closed in two spots by water spilling over the major artery for suburban commuters. Portions of at least two other freeways in the metro area were also closed, as was I-75 in Houston County in central Georgia.

Hundreds of roads and bridges were under water or washed out, including 17 bridges on state and interstate highways.



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IMMIGRANT CAMP

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The destruction of the site — known as “the Jungle” — ends the migrants’ dreams of a new life across the Channel in Britain but signifies what France hopes will be a new era in European immigration control. People who lived

Migrants gather at a camp fire to demonstrate their plight, before being evacuated by police, from the makeshift camp known as the “Jungle” in Calais, northern France, Tuesday Sept. 22, 2009. French police began clearing out the “jungle” camp which held an unknown number of migrants trying to reach Britain, early Tuesday. Signs plead for help, with this reading “The Jungle is our house, please don’t destroy it, if you do so, then where is the place to go?”.

Associated Press

there tried night after night to sneak across the Channel.

“The law of the jungle cannot last eternally,” said Immigration Minister Eric Besson, who ordered the destruction of what he called “a lawless zone where smugglers reign.”

He blamed a lack of coordination among European nations’ immigration laws for the problem and said he looks forward to tougher border controls “ideally” by the end of the year.

Police scuffled with humanitarian volunteers who have long helped the immigrants, but no injuries were reported.

Up to 800 illegal immigrants camped near the port and in smaller “jungles” around Calais until months ago. However, hundreds began leaving as the expected date to raze the encampment approached. Officials said 278 people — mainly from Afghanistan and nearly half of them under 18 — were led out of the encampment of homemade tents and strewn with garbage piles and infested with maladies like scabies.

Most nights, the illegal immigrants tried to dodge elaborate security—including heat sensors, infrared cameras, dogs and border police patrols — to hop onto or under trucks crossing the Channel to Britain via ferries or the Eurotunnel, which takes

freight and passenger traffic between France and Britain.

British Home Secretary Alan Johnson said Tuesday that authorities had halted 28,000 attempts to cross the English Channel illegally in the last year alone. He said he welcomed the “swift and decisive” move by France to close the camp.

Each immigrant is to be offered a voluntary return, with a stipend, to his country or the possibility of applying for asylum, if candidates meet the profile. Those who reject both offers are to be expelled from France. Because of the war in Afghanistan, the receiving country would in some cases be Greece — a main point of entry to Europe. Greece would then be responsible for fielding asylum requests.

Scores of police sealed camp exits about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and, amid angry denunciations from humanitarian groups present, extracted the immigrants from the crowd one by one, lined them up and led them to buses. Numerous immigrants were seen sobbing or quietly shedding tears. They were later taken away to special centers for processing. Teams with bulldozers, backhoes and chain saws then moved in, pulling down the tents, made from sticks, logs and plastic, sawing through the logs and bulldozing the debris.

“This operation adds nothing and resolves nothing,” said Vincent Lenoir of the Salam association, which has regularly distributed meals to the immigrants.

The network of associations that for years have helped feed and clothe the “jungle” population contend that the encampment’s destruction will only displace the problem, not resolve it.

For the hundreds who have already left, “they will come back bit by bit in the coming days and weeks,” predicted Marcel Copyans, another volunteer.

No one in Calais forgets the 2002 closing of a Red Cross-run shelter in nearby Sangatte that housed more than 1,000 people who used the temporary home as a springboard for their bids to reach Britain. Sangatte, ordered closed by

Nicolas Sarkozy — then interior minister, now France’s president — was replaced by the “jungle.”

Britain is seen by many illegal immigrants as Europe’s El Dorado, a view fed by human traffickers and families who sometimes send their young to the West after paying out huge sums. In addition, many Afghans here speak at least some English and have relatives or know someone in Britain.

Even Keith Best, the head of Britain’s Immigration Advisory Service, was doubtful about the long-term effects of clearing out the Calais encampment.

“The liquidation of the ‘jungle’ will not solve the problem,” said Best. The problem is “a failure of the French to be able to admit people into their asylum process” and an uneven burden of asylum requests among European countries, he said.

Besson said he wants both a coherent EU asylum policy and reinforced border controls among countries in the so-called Schengen system of open borders. Currently, detained immigrants must demand asylum in the country by which they entered Europe if they began the application process. Because Britain is not a signatory, it has no such obligations.

“We have put in place a common border without putting in place sufficient means to control this border,” Besson said in Calais.

On Monday in Brussels, he proposed that Europe create a border police with reinforced powers, saying he hopes the idea will be adopted at the Oct. 29-30 EU summit.

Greece, Italy, Malta and Spain have repeatedly called for more help from the EU in tackling the problem.

The U.N. refugee agency said Greece has been making it harder recently for asylum seekers to gain refugee status. The UNHCR said Greece granted only 379 people refugee status in 2008 out of 20,000 asylum applications. Greece says it detained more than 146,000 illegal immigrants in 2008, a 30 percent increase from the previous year. □



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Bulgarian diplomat wins UNESCO race

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PARIS (AP) — A Bulgarian diplomat became the first woman to lead the U.N.'s agency for culture and education, beating out a controversial Egyptian candidate whose one-time threat to burn Israeli books had galvanized opposition. Irina Bokova, 57, defeated Egyptian Culture Minister Farouk Hosny after a suspenseful and drawn-out race, sealing victory Tuesday in the fifth round of balloting at the organization's Paris headquarters. The vote among UNESCO board members was 31 to 27.

The race was tight and closely watched, with a flurry of secretive diplomatic efforts between each round, allegations of fraud and an uproar over Hosny's candidacy. For months, Hosny had been considered the favorite. But critics raised Egypt's contentious record of cultural censorship and highlighted his threat last year to burn Israeli books, a comment he later apologized for. Bokova's candidacy took off late in the race as delegates sought a consensus figure.

Hosny and Bokova tied on Monday night — and if

Tuesday's vote had also been a draw, officials were prepared to pick a name at random from a bag.

Bokova, who has witnessed Bulgaria's transformation from an Eastern bloc nation to an EU member, was her country's foreign minister for a brief period in 1996-1997 and helped negotiate Bulgaria's entry into the European Union and NATO. She is currently Bulgaria's ambassador to France.

After her win, she swept aside the tense voting process, telling reporters of her "respect and friendship" for Hosny and praising his campaign ideas. Asked if she thought Hosny's anti-Israel comment could have hurt his candidacy, she told The Associated Press: "In a campaign, everything counts."

UNESCO delegates were mostly tightlipped about what had swayed the vote.

"Women's equity, I think that this is what won it over for Mrs. Bokova," said Mansour Ghazali, the Saudi delegate, who took part in the behind-the-scenes balloting. He said he had "no idea" whether Hosny's defeat could be linked to his comments on Israel.

In the run-up to the vote, Egyptian newspapers carried stories of a "conspiracy"

against Hosny's candidacy by the United States and certain European countries, with the help of the "Zionist lobby."

Many Egyptians saw the opposition to Hosny as anti-Egyptian and anti-Muslim.

"There was so much pressure from Europe and America against him and it is sad that a small country like Israel has been able to control so many powerful countries from the West," Salah Eissa, a prominent intellectual and editor of the cultural weekly Al-Qahira told The Associated Press.

A few Egyptians, however, have spoken out against Hosny's candidacy, describing him as the product of a dictatorship and responsible for stifling the cultural scene in Egypt.

"I have always said that there are at least 10,000 other people in Egypt who would be better candidates for UNESCO than Faruk Hosny," said novelist Alaa al-Aswany.

Several Jewish groups campaigning against Hosny voiced relief. Bokova's win is a "tremendous sign of optimism and really the saving of the organization," said Shimon Samuels of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Paris.

Bokova said Tuesday that she would strive to give UNESCO



Irina Bokova, Bulgarian ambassador to France, poses at the Unesco headquarters in Paris, Tuesday Sept. 22, 2009. Vying for the top Unesco job to lead the U.N.'s agency for learning and culture, Bokova will face off against Farouk Hosni, a veteran Egyptian government minister dogged by allegations that he is anti-Israel, after he threatened to burn Israeli books.

a bigger role in international talks on climate change and other global issues like resolving the financial crisis. "Ideas drive humanity forward, and I think UNESCO is about that," Bokova told the AP. She said she would "work very hard so that UNESCO does more in the fields of science, innovation and technology." UNESCO, or the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, is charged with promoting international collaboration on education, science and culture. It has specialized centers throughout the world that promote events and projects. The organization was troubled by cronyism and mismanagement until Koichiro

Matsuura of Japan was elected in 1999. His work helped lure back the United States, which had quit UNESCO in 1984, calling it corrupt and anti-Western.

Suspensions of fraud rose as the intense race unfolded this week. A UNESCO delegate told AP that at least one person was ejected from the agency's building by UNESCO security staff for trying to bribe delegates on Monday.

The delegate said several UNESCO member states had complained to the director general about the bribery attempts.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. □



British Prime Minister Gordon Brown arrives for a special EU summit at the EU Council building in Brussels, Thursday Sept. 17, 2009. The U.S. is set to face renewed pressure from the EU Thursday as the bloc's 27 leaders meet to draft a strategy to push President Barack Obama to agree on a cap on excessive executive and trader bonuses.

Associated Press

PAN PYLAS

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown will signal

Wednesday at the U.N. General Assembly that he is prepared to scale back the country's Trident submarine nuclear deterrent as part of

UK's Brown set to signal nuclear subs reduction

a global deal to reduce the world's nuclear arsenal

"If we are serious about the ambition of a nuclear-free world we will need statesmanship, not brinkmanship," he will say, according to an extract from his speech provided to journalists traveling with him for this week's U.N. meetings in New York and the Group of 20 meeting of rich and developing countries in Pittsburgh.

He is expected to flesh out the details of his statement on Thursday at the Security Council, in a special session on nonproliferation and disarmament convened by President Barack Obama. The United States is the current chair of the council.

In his address to the four other permanent members and the ten rotating non-permanent members, Brown is expected to announce that Britain could scale back the planned 20-billion-pound (\$33-billion; €22-billion) Trident modernization program from four submarines to three, as part of a new international nonproliferation deal.

A subcommittee, including Britain's relevant government ministers, the chiefs of staff and the heads of the intelligence agencies, are expected to be instructed to come forward with detailed

recommendations by the end of the year.

The future of Britain's nuclear arsenal has become a hot topic of debate in recent weeks as concerns over the country's public finances have escalated — borrowing has soared as tax revenues have plummeted during the recession and spending has escalated to pay for unemployment benefits and the bailout of the banks. Meanwhile the foreign ministers of the so-called E3+3 group of Britain, France and Germany, plus the U.S., Russia and China will meet Wednesday, ahead of talks next week with Iran aimed at persuading it to give up any ambitions to construct nuclear weapons.

Analysts said it will be interesting to see if Obama's decision to give up the proposed U.S. missile defense shield in Eastern Europe will encourage Moscow to take a harder line with Tehran.

In his address to the General Assembly on Wednesday, Brown will highlight the nuclear issue as one of five priorities for the international community, together with the economy, climate change, terrorism and poverty.

He will call for "a progressive multilateralism that depends on us finding within ourselves and together the qualities of

moral courage and leadership that for our time and generation can make the world new again — and for the first time in human history, creates a truly global society."

However, the presence of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi at Thursday's Security Council meeting — Libya is one of the current rotating members — could make it difficult for Brown in the wake of bitter words over the release of the Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi.

A spokesman for Brown, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with policy, made clear that there are no plans for any bilateral meeting with Gadhafi.

Al-Megrahi, a former Libyan intelligence agent, is the only man convicted in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people — most of them American.

Although al-Megrahi has always claimed innocence, he was found guilty by a special Scottish court in 2001 and sentenced to serve at least 27 years in prison.

He was released last month on compassionate grounds after being diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer, a decision that disgusted U.S. families of the victims and drew outrage from the U.S. government. □



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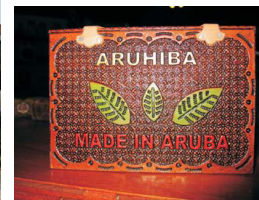
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U.S. Embassy in South Africa closes for security concerns

DONNA BRYSON

Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

The U.S. Embassy and other American offices in South Africa have been ordered closed for at least two days this week because of unspecified security concerns, U.S. and South African officials said.

Neither U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Sharon Hudson-Dean nor Nonkululeko Mbatha, spokeswoman for the South African national police commissioner, would say whether a threat had prompted the closure that began Tuesday.

Hudson-Dean said the offices

were closed because of information provided by U.S. security officials.

"We are not discussing the nature of the information," she said. The closure affected the embassy in Pretoria, consulates in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban, and aid and development offices. Hudson-Dean initially said the facilities would be open Wednesday, but later said officials had decided to remain closed "because of this information, this same information."

The facilities also will be closed as previously scheduled for a South African public

holiday Thursday, Hudson-Dean said. She said a decision on whether to reopen Friday would be made later.

"The matter is under control," Mbatha said. "Our agencies, particularly crime intelligence, are working closely with U.S. Embassy personnel."

A message from U.S. diplomats about the closure advised American citizens to review a July 29 U.S. State Department warning expressing concern "that al-Qaida and affiliated organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks against U.S. interests in multiple regions, including Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East."



A policeman and vehicle outside the US Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009. The U.S. Embassy and other American offices in South Africa were closed because of security concerns, U.S. and South African officials said.

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The warning followed suicide attacks earlier in July on two American-owned hotels in Indonesia's capital that killed seven people and wounded more than 50. On Sept. 14, a U.S. commando raid in

Somalia, in eastern Africa, killed an al-Qaida operative. Extremist Islamic violence has not hit southern Africa to the extent it has East Africa, Southeast Asia or the Middle East. □



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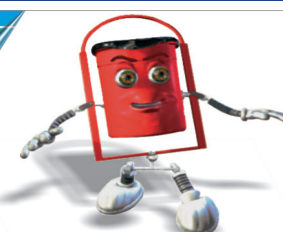
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Henin to return to competitive tennis

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AP Sports Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Former No. 1 Justine Henin announced her return on Tuesday to competitive tennis for next year. Henin had been retired for just over a year, but at 27 says she has the fire and physical strength to compete for an eighth Grand Slam title. Her announcement comes barely a week after Kim Clijsters capped her comeback from retirement with a second U.S. Open title.

Her televised announcement capped an about-face that went from her “definitive decision” to retire last year, to weeks of no comment to a smiling admission Tuesday that she truly missed the game too much.

“A flame I thought was extinguished forever suddenly lit up again,” Henin told RTL-TVI network.

She wants to play two exhibition tournaments, in Charleroi, Belgium, and Dubai, to hone her skills ahead of a competitive return next year with plans to compete in the next Grand Slam, the Australian Open.

She wants to play at least until the 2012 London Olympics, when she will be 30. She hopes to have by then won Wimbledon, the only Grand Slam missing on her list.

“I want to keep going at least until (the London Games),” said Henin, who won singles gold at the Athens Games in 2004.

Henin officially retired on May 14, 2008, initially rejecting any thought of a comeback with a dogged determination that had come to mark her play throughout a decade-long career that



In this Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007 file photo Justine Henin of Belgium reacts after winning a point against Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia in the women’s finals at the US Open tennis tournament in New York. Former top-ranked player Justine Henin will announce her comeback to competitive tennis on Tuesday Sept. 22, 2009 according to two top Belgian newspapers. “Justine Henin’s Yes” read the headline on La Dernière Heure’s Web site late Monday, while Le Soir said “Henin should announce her return.”

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WNBA Roundup

Taurasi scores 30 as Mercury reach West finals

PHOENIX (AP) — Diana Taurasi scored 30 points and led a tiebreaking run in the fourth quarter to help the Phoenix Mercury advance to the Western Conference finals with a 100-92 victory over the San Antonio Silver Stars on Monday night.

Taurasi and Tangel Smith each scored five points during the Mercury’ 14-4 run that gave Phoenix an 86-76 lead with 5:14 remaining in Game 3 of their opening-round match. Taurasi also finished with six assists.

The top-seeded Mercury will open the West finals against the Los Angeles Sparks at UCLA’s Pauley Pavilion on Wednesday



Phoenix Mercury guard Diana Taurasi, right, is double-teamed by San Antonio Silver Stars defenders Becky Hammon, left, and Sophia Young, center, in the third quarter of Game 3 of the WNBA basketball Western Conference semifinals Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, in Phoenix.

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night. Becky Hammon led the Silver Stars with 29 points while Vickie Johnson added 24 points, including four 3-pointers, and six rebounds. □

yielded seven Grand Slam titles.

Henin said she couldn’t fight the urge to come back and that a competitive spirit still burns within her.

“Adrenaline is part of my life, my existence. It is in my character,” she said.

It certainly is not too late for a comeback. As Clijsters has proved, breaking back into the top tier at short notice is far from impossible. Clijsters won the U.S. Open in her third tournament since announcing her return.

“Subconsciously, it might have had an impact,” Henin said of Clijsters’ successful comeback. “But it certainly was not the most important reason.”

Clijsters’ stunning return also proves the top of women’s tennis is not flush with extraordinary talent, increasing Henin’s chances of success. The WTA Tour is certainly welcoming her with open arms.

“Justine is one of the great champions in the history of women’s tennis, and we, along with millions of her fans around the globe, are thrilled,” WTA Tour Chairman Stacey Allaster said. “Justine is that rare athlete who decided to step away from the game at the height of her powers, and no doubt she will be a force to be reckoned with from the get go.”

Like Clijsters, Henin is still in her prime and has been able to rest her body for over a year. Throughout her retirement, during which she became a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, she looked fit enough to immediately step back on to a court.

As recently as May, she complained about the old injuries that still gave her pain in the mornings and the dreaded life of living in a bubble as she was shuttled around the world chasing victories.

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Former Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress appears before judge Michael Melkonian for his sentencing in Manhattan criminal court, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, in New York.

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Ex-NY Giant Burress gets 2 years in gun case

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NEW YORK (AP) — Former Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress was sentenced to two years in prison Tuesday after accidentally shooting himself in the thigh at a nightclub and later reaching a plea deal on weapons charges.

The former New York Giants star tearfully told his family goodbye as he surrendered to begin his prison stint for attempted criminal possession of a weapon after accidentally shooting himself in the thigh. With time off for good behavior, Burress likely will serve 20 months. He will be monitored an additional two years after he is freed from prison, which could come as early as the spring of 2011.

The Giants released Burress in April, but the 32-year-old told ESPN he hopes to resume his NFL career when he completes his sentence.

Before the hearing began, Burress played with his preschool-age son, Elijah. Then he hugged and kissed his wife, child, father, grandmother and stepmother. Burress was so soft-spoken during his apologetic courtroom address that onlookers could not understand him. □

NFL Roundup

Manning leads Colts past Dolphins 27-23

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Peyton Manning threw two touchdown passes as the Indianapolis Colts won 27-23 Monday night to take some sheen off the Miami Dolphins' glitzy makeover under new owner Stephen Ross.

The Dolphins rolled out an orange carpet for the pregame arrival of Ross' celebrity partners. The crowd included Serena and Venus Williams, Gloria and Emilio Estefan, Marc Anthony and Jennifer Lopez, Jimmy Buffett and Colts fan Tiger Woods.

But Manning stole the show with touchdown passes of 80 yards to Dallas Clark and 48 yards to Pierre Garcon. The

first came on the first play from scrimmage, the latter with 3:18 left for the game's final points.

Manning finished 14 for 23 for 303 yards as the Colts won for the second time this season. The Dolphins dropped their second straight match even though they had 239 yards rushing.

Indianapolis had the ball for only 14:53, the lowest time of possession for a winning team in the NFL since 1977.

Indy trailed 10-7, 13-10 and 20-13, but each time pulled even. Down 23-20 after Miami scored with 3:50 left, the Colts rallied one more time.

Manning threw completions of 15 and 17 yards, then hit Garcon with a short pass on

the right side. Garcon cut to the middle, then broke back toward the corner of the end zone to score. Miami reached the Colts 30-yard line with 6 seconds left, but Chad Pennington's desperation pass was intercepted in the end zone by Antoine Bethea.

The Dolphins were 15 for 21 on third-down conversions, punted once, didn't commit a turnover until the final play and controlled the ball for a team-record 45 minutes. They had to wonder how they lost.

The answer: Manning. He earned his 119th victory with the Colts, breaking the team record for a quarterback he shared with Johnny Unitas.

Miami's Ronnie Brown rushed for 136 yards, including 62 in



Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Pierre Garcon scores on a touchdown run during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins on Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, in Miami. The Colts defeated the Dolphins 27-23.

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the wildcat, taking a direct snap each time. Teammate Ricky Williams added 69 yards rushing.

AL Roundup

Saunders pitches Angels to 5-2 win over Yankees

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Joe Saunders pitched into the ninth inning as Los Angeles prevented New York from wrapping up a playoff spot with a 5-2 victory Monday night in a matchup of division leaders.

Vladimir Guerrero and Torii Hunter hit consecutive RBI doubles off Yankees starter Andy Pettitte, and Kendry Morales added a pinch-hit homer.

The Angels reduced their magic number to six for clinching their third consecutive AL West title. The Yankees, who have dropped six of 10, could have secured a postseason spot with a win or a Texas loss at Oakland. The Rangers beat the Athletics 10-3.

Los Angeles has won four of five and remained a season-best 7½ games ahead of Texas.

Saunders (14-7) gave up two runs and seven hits in 8 1-3 innings, struck out three and walked none in winning his fifth consecutive decision and sixth in his last seven.

Brian Fuentes got two outs for his 44th save.

Pettitte (13-7) allowed three

runs and five hits in six innings, struck out three and walked two in losing for the first time in 10 starts.

Rangers 10, Athletics 3

At Oakland, California, David Murphy had three hits and drove in two runs to help Texas hang on to its slim playoff hopes.

Julio Borbon and Chris Davis both drove in two runs as the Rangers won for the second time in eight games, moving within seven games of the Boston Red Sox, who lost 12-9 to Kansas City, in the AL wild card.

Kevin Millwood (11-10) did not allow an earned run in seven innings. He gave up a run and three hits, walking one and striking out two.

Matt Carson hit a home run for the A's, who had their season-high seven-game winning streak end.

Twins 7, White Sox 0

At Chicago, Nick Blackburn pitched seven innings and Orlando Cabrera had two RBIs and scored three runs to lead Minnesota to a 7-0 victory.

The Twins, who have won five of six, moved within 2½ games of first-place Detroit,



Los Angeles Angels' Vladimir Guerrero, center, greets Angels' Juan Rivera, left, along with Angels' Torii Hunter in the fifth inning after Rivera hit a three-run home run against the Seattle Mariners, Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at Safeco Field in Seattle.

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which was idle, in the AL Central. The White Sox lost for the fifth time in six games and are seven back.

Blackburn (11-11) allowed eight singles with no walks and six strikeouts to earn his first road win since May 31 against Tampa Bay. He is 4-1 this season against Chicago. Cabrera, who last season helped the White Sox win the AL Central title, had a triple, sacrifice fly, RBI single, and reached on an error.

Rookie Daniel Hudson (0-1) took the loss in his first major

league start, allowing four hits and three runs — one earned — in five innings.

At Kansas City, Mike Jacobs hit a three-run homer and Alberto Callaspo's two-run double helped the Royals to their biggest inning in almost a year.

After falling behind 6-0 in the third and 8-2 in the fifth, the Royals took an 11-9 lead with six runs in the sixth, the most they have scored in one inning since Sept. 24, 2008.

Billy Butler had an RBI double off Manny Delcarmen and then

Callaspo hit a two-run double. Yuniesky Betancourt finished it off with a two-run single off Daniel Bard (2-2).

Butler had another RBI double in the seventh, giving him 49 doubles this season.

It was the 11th win in 14 games for the Royals, who had lost nine of 11 to the Red Sox.

In other AL games it was, Toronto 9, Baltimore 2; Kansas City 12, Boston 9; Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 0; L.A. Angels 5, N.Y. Yankees 2; and Texas 10, Oakland 3.

NL Roundup

DeRosa has 2 homers in Cards' 7-3 win

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark DeRosa homered twice as St. Louis beat Houston 7-3 on Monday night, a few hours after the Astros fired manager Cecil Cooper.

Third-base coach Dave Clark was named Houston's interim manager for the last two weeks of the regular season, but the Astros lost their eighth straight game in Clark's major-league managing debut.

DeRosa also had a two-run double for the Cardinals, who reduced their magic number for winning the NL Central to three.

Kyle Lohse (6-8) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings to earn his first win since Aug. 10.

Houston starter Wandy Rodriguez (13-11) had given up no more than one run in 11 of his previous 14 starts, but trailed 3-0 after the first inning in this one.

DeRosa drove in two with a double off the right-field wall in the first. He added a homer in the third off Rodriguez, who came in with a 1.58 ERA at home this season. DeRosa led off the sixth with a homer off Chad Paronto.

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 4

At Phoenix, pinch-hitter Fred Lewis beat out a double-play grounder with the bases loaded to drive in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning for San Francisco.

HENIN

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"The last 15 months I've been able to recharge the batteries, emotionally as well," Henin said.

Henin said coming face to face with the world's misery on UNICEF trips to places like eastern Congo widened her horizons like tennis never could.

Henin has won nearly \$20 million in prize money and had been ranked No. 1 for all but seven weeks since Nov. 13, 2006, until her retirement. When she retired after a string of early tournament exits just ahead of Roland Garros, she felt the fire no longer within and gave in.

It was the first time in a life that was totally revolved around her prodigious talent for whipping backhands past hapless competitors. She became the first woman player to retire as No. 1.

Then, suddenly, this summer the craving came back. And because the hunger was there, her old coach Carlos Rodriguez also decided to come back out of retirement.

At 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday, Henin was hitting balls, needing the constant repetition of strokes to approach the perfection under pressure again.

"The toughest moment is right now. It is to create the

foundation," Henin said of her lightning speed and control which made her better than any of the dozen power hitters that hulked over her on court but not on the scoreboard.

One of the reasons for her return is to win the only one of the four Grand Slam events that has eluded her — Wimbledon. Her semifinal loss to Marion Bartoli in 2007, when she was one game away from victory, was one of the cruelest losses in her career.

"It is a dream of mine," Henin said. "I want to work to get it. I make it a priority."

Rodriguez believes in her ability to come back and take the grass-court title. □



Houston Astros interim manager Dave Clark goes over the lineup before their baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals Monday, Sept. 21, 2009 in Houston. Clark was promoted from third base coach after the Astros fired manager Cecil Cooper on Monday.

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The victory moved the Giants within four games of idle Colorado in the NL wild-card chase with 12 games to play.

Mark Reynolds drove in two runs with his 43rd homer of the season and Justin Upton's single scored the other two for Arizona. Pablo Sandoval doubled and singled for the Giants, who took advantage of three Diamondbacks errors. □



In this Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002 file photo Kim Clijsters, of Belgium, left, shakes hands at the net with her compatriot Justine Henin after her 6-2, 6-3, victory over Henin in their quarterfinal match at the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne.

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Honduras: Amplían toque queda tras desalojar partidarios Zelaya

TEGUCIGALPA (AP) - El gobierno de facto de Honduras amplió hasta el miércoles a las 6 de la mañana el toque de queda en el país, después de desalojar con gases y garrotes a cientos de partidarios del presidente derrocado Manuel Zelaya quien permanece en la embajada de Brasil.

Un desafiante Zelaya expresó desde el recinto diplomático que para él el lema es “restitución o muerte, que es una frase alegórica que se usa desde la Revolución Francesa... estamos dispuestos a todo: al riesgo, al sacrificio”.

El gobierno brasileño expresó preocupación por el desalojo y afirmó que cualquier ataque a la sede diplomática será “intolerable”. La cancillería brasileña informó el restablecimiento de agua potable y energía eléctrica en el edificio, tras una interrupción de varias horas.

Zelaya llegó con sigilo a la capital hondureña y desde ahí anunció el lunes la intención

de dialogar con los golpistas instaurados en el poder.

El gobierno de facto dispersó el martes a los seguidores del líder derrocado y horas más tarde dispuso alargar el toque de queda vigente desde el lunes en la tarde hasta las 6 de la mañana del miércoles.

El ministro de Información del gobierno de facto, René Zepeda, dijo a la AP que “la medida se adoptó por cuestiones de seguridad nacional”.

El estado de sitio ha estado vigente por 38 horas consecutivas en Honduras.

El presidente de facto Roberto Micheletti dijo en rueda de prensa que respetará la sede brasileña “si Brasil nos entrega a Zelaya o se lo lleva a esa nación sudamericana”.

No quiso contestar qué haría si no ocurre ninguno de los dos escenarios y se limitó a decir: “reflexionamos intensamente sobre el tema”.

El canciller brasileño Celso Amorim dijo en Nueva



Seguidores del presidente derrocado de Honduras Manuel Zelaya son dispersados por la policía frente a la embajada de Brasil, el martes 22 de septiembre del 2009 en Tegucigalpa. (AP foto/Esteban Félix)

York que el gobierno de Micheletti envió la víspera a la embajada brasileña una nota “impertinente e inadecuada” diciendo que cercará las instalaciones diplomáticas.

Amorim calificó de “inconveniente” el toque

de queda y criticó, en una entrevista difundida por el portal de internet Terra, el cierre de aeropuertos.

Se mostró confiado en que “no habrá un ataque a la embajada brasileña. Eso sería una prueba de brutalidad... no habrá

tolerancia para esta situación, queremos una solución pacífica”, señaló. Policías y soldados encapuchados mantienen un anillo de seguridad en un perímetro de cinco kilómetros alrededor de la embajada brasileña. □

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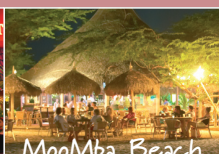
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